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FOR GOVERNOR RAPHAEL HERNANDEZ-COLON FROM AMB. MOYNIHAN

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DEPT PASS FOR HONORABLE RAPHAEL HERNANDEZ-COLON GOVERNOR  
OF PUERTO RICO SAN JUAN PUERTO RICO

FOR GOVERNOR RAPHAEL HERNANDEZ-COLON FROM AMB. MOYNIHAN

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EXERCISED BY CARMEN MAYMI ON OCTOBER 8 IN RESPONSE TO  
THE GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT BY CUBAN PERMREP ALARCON.

QUOTE:

MR. PRESIDENT,

EARLIER THIS AFTERNOON, THE CUBAN REPRESENTATIVE SAW FIT  
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ONCE AGAIN TO ATTEMPT TO INTERVENE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF

THE UNITED STATES AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO.  
MY GOVERNMENT REGRETS THAT THE CUBAN DELEGATION MAKES  
IT NECESSARY FOR US TO STATE ONCE MORE THE FACTS OF THE  
CASE AND OUR VERY STRONG AND WELL-KNOWN VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT.

THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO ATTAINED SELF-GOVERNMENT BY  
FULLY AND FREELY PARTICIPATING IN A REFERENDUM IN 1952 IN  
WHICH THEY VOTED TO ESTABLISH A COMMONWEALTH FREELY ASSOCIATED  
WITH THE UNITED STATES AND IN WHICH THEY ADOPTED A CONSTITUTION  
FOR THAT COMMONWEALTH. THEY HAVE REPEATEDLY REAFFIRMED  
THAT DECISION IN FREE ELECTIONS, CONDUCTED ON THE BASIS OF  
UNIVERSAL ADULT SUFFRAGE IN 1956, 1960, 1964, 1968 AND  
1972 AND IN A STATUS REFERENDUM IN 1967.

THE EIGHTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED  
NATIONS IN 1953 SPECIFICALLY RECOGNIZED PUERTO RICO'S  
ATTAINMENT OF SELF-GOVERNMENT BY ADOPTING RESOLUTION 748  
WHICH STATES IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 5 THAT "THE PEOPLE  
OF PUERTO RICO HAVE BEEN INVESTED WITH ATTRIBUTES OF  
POLITICAL SOVEREIGNTY WHICH CLEARLY IDENTIFY THE STATUS  
OF SELF-GOVERNMENT ATTAINED BY THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE  
AS THAT OF AN AUTONOMOUS POLITICAL ENTITY." OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH  
6 OF THE SAME RESOLUTION STATES THAT "THE DECLARATION  
REGARDING NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES AND THE PROVISIONS  
ESTABLISHED UNDER IT IN CHAPTER XI OF THE CHARTER CAN NO  
LONGER BE APPLIED TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO."

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN 1971  
ENDORSED THESE DECISIONS ON THE SELF-GOVERNING STATUS  
OF PUERTO RICO BY REJECTING A PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE AN  
ITEM ON PUERTO RICO IN ITS AGENDA.

IN 1972, AS IN PREVIOUS ELECTIONS, THE OVERWHELMING  
MAJORITY OF THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE SUPPORTED THE COMMON-  
WEALTH AND STATEHOOD PARTIES. ONLY SLIGHTLY MORE THAN  
4 PERCENT OF THE ELECTORATE VOTED FOR THE INDEPENDENCE PARTY.

MISREPRESENTATIONS IN THIS FORUM WILL NOT CHANGE THESE  
FACTS, NOR WILL SUCH ATTACKS WEAKEN THE ADHERENCE OF THE  
UNITED STATES AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO TO DECISIONS  
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MADE BY THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO IN FREE DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS.  
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